

BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

MARCH 2021



Director's Message

It's hard to believe that it has been one year since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic. COVID-19 has forever changed our lives and has caused heartbreak and grief for so many. I recognize that all of you, just like those of us at the Airport, have had to face many new challenges, both personally and professionally. I remain hopeful that we are turning a corner and that the growing number of vaccinated people heralds a positive change for our community's health and our economy. -Cynthia Guidry

LGB Business Partner Spotlight: Anthelion Helicopters

This month we'd like to introduce Alex Chaunt, CEO and founder of Anthelion Helicopters. Alex first began flying helicopters about 20 years ago and brings a varied background to the company, including time served as a naval officer in the Royal Navy, as a weapons buyer for the UK's Ministry of Defence and as an early investor in a tech startup. That's quite a resumé! Alex started Anthelion Helicopters, along with his business partner Christina Keefer, in early 2014.



Q: Can you tell us about Anthelion Helicopters?

A: Anthelion is a premier helicopter FAA 141 flight training school and commercial operator, located at 3200 Airflite Way within the Ross FBO. We teach our students to fly to the highest commercial standard and operate our program with the highest level of integrity. In addition to flight training, we also offer helicopter tours, aerial photography flights, Part 135 charters and other specialized commercial operations around Los Angeles. Recently, we've even been offering gender reveal events where we safely and responsibly drop pink or blue corn starch from above, which has proven to be quite popular for those looking for a unique and photogenic way of announcing their new baby's gender.

Q: How has COVID-19 affected your business?

A: Initially, although we are deemed an essential business under CISA guidelines, we wanted to be part of the solution and not the problem and so shut down all operations for about eight weeks at the beginning of the pandemic. We then reopened gradually, following strict guidelines and safety protocols over the following months. This experience has forced us to become even more creative in the services we offer and to constantly shift and adapt. One of the major things we see is that our customers no longer book services far in advance. A significant amount of our business is now from last-minute bookings, which requires extreme flexibility in staffing, availability of the aircraft and many other elements.

Q: What do you like best about being part of the LGB community?

A: Long Beach Airport is the best training airport in this area because of its enclosed traffic pattern. Safety is our highest priority and by keeping the traffic pattern over the airport property boundary, we can ensure a better outcome in the unlikely event of a safety concern. And, of course, we enjoy working with all of the partners here at the airport.

Q: Anything else you'd like to share with your fellow LGB business partners?

A: Yes! If you are rated for fixed wing aircraft, why not take on a new challenge and get rated for helicopters, too? Our Guimbal Cabri 2 is ideal for an add-on rating since it is not subject to the same strict Robinson SFAR requirements, which necessitate 20 hours of dual training before flying solo. The Cabri gives pilots the opportunity to earn their add-on ratings in less time and at less overall cost - not to mention the chance to experience a groundbreaking evolution in small training helicopter design and performance. So, come check us out!

LGB Commemorates Black History Month

February is recognized in the United States as Black History Month. This annual observance is a celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. In case you missed it, last month LGB highlighted the stories of Black aviation pioneers who reached for the sky in their fight for equality. We are proud to honor those who have made and continue to make tremendous contributions to aviation, often despite overwhelming obstacles.

Here are a few of the stories we shared:

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Bessie Coleman was the first African American and Native American woman to earn a pilot's license. Bessie's love for flying was fueled by her mission to pave the way for racial equality. Thank you, Bessie, for your strength and courage.

[#BlackHistoryMonth](#)

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The [#TuskegeeAirmen](#) were the first Black military aviators in the U.S. Army Air Corps, a precursor of the U.S. Air Force. They flew more than 15,000 individual sorties during World War II. These men displayed courage and resilience in the face of adversity. Thank you for your service! [#BlackHistoryMonth](#)



Rainy Weather = Time for Stormwater Sampling

Our Noise and Environmental Affairs staff recently concluded their annual stormwater sampling project, as required by the State Water Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board. This sampling is necessary because LGB has an Industrial General Permit, meaning industrial activities are conducted around the airport.

After the samples were collected, they were shipped to a lab that tests the sampled stormwater for total suspended solids, chemical oxygen demand, ammonia as nitrogen and HEM (Oil and Grease). I am happy to report that we recently received all results back and they were below all thresholds at each location and most of our results were below laboratory detection limits. This is a testament to our working relationships with one another and our ability to implement good housekeeping and best management practices. You should all be proud of this great news as it truly is a group effort. Thank you to each and every one of you!



Seen at the LGB Scene



Our terminal lights were illuminated red, white and blue for Presidents Day.



We've updated our "LGB95" sign that commemorated our 95th anniversary to "#FlyLGB." We love seeing the selfies people are taking with the new sign!



Take a look at the progress of our Phase II program and enjoy the beautiful sunset!

Construction Updates

Construction on the Taxiway B project (future Taxiway E) began in mid-January. The existing Taxiway B is primarily used by our general aviation community and our two FBOs. At the close of February, the first of three major construction phases (Phase 1 - Taxiway D Tie-in) has been completed and the future Taxiway E pavement has been tied into the south side of existing Taxiway D. Construction will continue south of Taxiway D, removing and constructing full taxiway pavement, all the way to existing Taxiway J. The duration of this second major phase (Phase 2 - Central Work Area) will be completed in May or June of this year. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in September or October of this year.

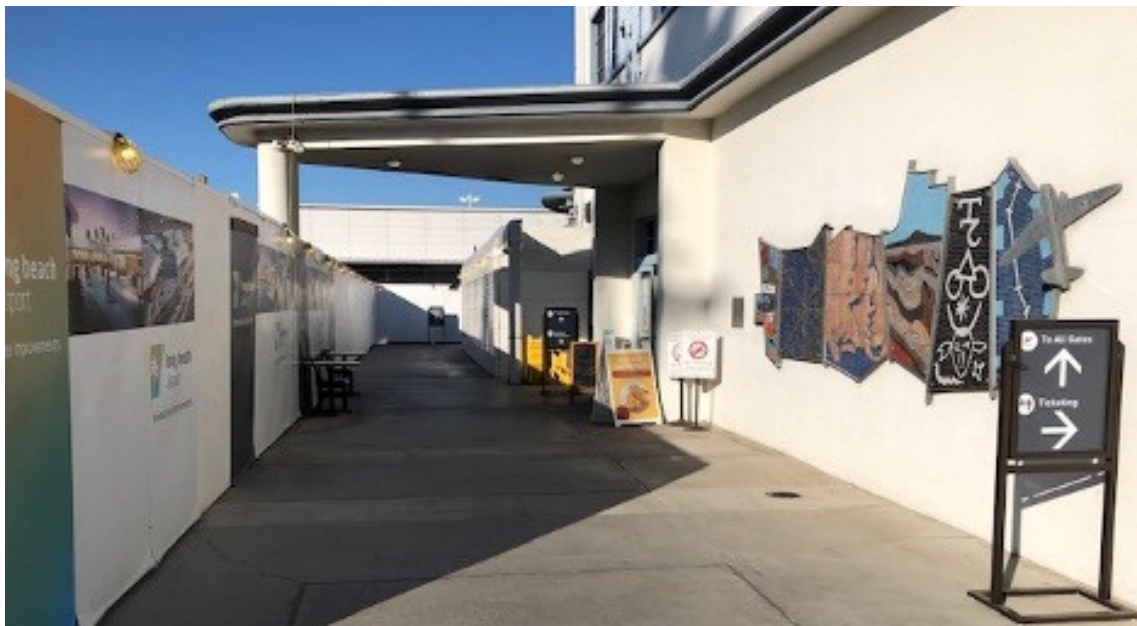


Rollers compact asphalt as part of the Taxiway B project

Phase II of the Terminal Area Improvements Program continued in February with the final demolition and removal of the breezeway, which was a longtime fixture for the traveling public. This was an extensive design and construction effort and was accomplished in a safe manner over the past year.

Work on the Checked Baggage Inspection System (CBIS) building continued, with interior drywall framing completion and painting. In the TSA baggage scanning area, ceiling T-bar framing was completed, and electrical and mechanical infrastructure is in progress. The mechanical, plumbing, electrical and structural infrastructure to support the baggage conveyor system installation will be completed this month. Exterior insulation, flashing, and lathe installation is in progress.

The Ticketing Lobby's foundations were completed in February, which consisted of grade beam and spread footings excavations, rebar and formwork installation and poured concrete. Underground electrical infrastructure, which will support a new electrical room, and plumbing utilities were completed in February. Electrical infrastructure upgrades supporting new primary electrical panels in the existing 12 KV yard and basement of the Historic Terminal continue, and utility shutdowns to energize these new electrical panels will be occurring in February and March. Positive progress continues toward March for the foundation and slab on grade in the Ticketing building.



The final demolition and removal of the breezeway was completed in February, showcasing the original port cochère.

January Commercial Flight Activity

Airline passenger traffic at LGB decreased 86% in January 2021 compared with the same period in 2020; LGB served 41,254 passengers in January 2021. Total air cargo carried by aircraft, both inbound and outbound, decreased 21.8% in December 2020 compared to the same time the previous year; 1,813 tons passed through LGB in December 2020.

Commercial Flight Activity Report
January 2021

	January 2021	January 2020	% Change	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	% Change
Passenger Traffic						
Enplanements	20,060	144,226	-86.1%	20,060	144,226	-86.1%
Deplanements	21,194	143,844	-85.3%	21,194	143,844	-85.3%
Total Passenger Traffic	41,254	288,070	-85.7%	41,254	288,070	-85.7%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	991	1,567	-36.8%	991	1,728	-42.7%

Definitions:

Passenger Traffic – Number of airline passengers both enplaned (departures) and deplaned (arrivals)

Air Cargo – Cargo carried by commercial aircraft, both inbound and outbound

Administrative Office Closures

Long Beach Airport administrative offices will be closed alternating Fridays until the furlough period ends September 30, 2021, to help balance the City's budget during this economic downturn. This month a designated furlough day will be the scheduled work day before the City holiday.

Airport operations, security and janitorial services will continue uninterrupted. LGB administrative offices will be closed on the following days:

- Friday, March 5
- Friday, March 19

A complete [list of furlough closure dates](#) is available on the City's website.